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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: Walter W. John, Chief, Information Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, Midwest Area

Walter W. John

ANOTHER BUMPER CROP

BAE's crop report as of July 1, which came out yesterday, promises another near record total production of farm crops. The corn yield is predicted at 3,530,000,000 bushels, the second largest in history; wheat, however, is down, 148,000,000 below the June 1 estimate, but still promises to be the third largest on record with 1,189,000,000 bushels. Secretary of Agriculture Brannan may determine today on the basis of this report whether acreage allotments should be applied to the 1950 wheat crop.

LAST WEEK'S RELEASES

As we promised last week, we will list in each summary the releases which have been issued by this office the previous week. The date is the date of issue in Washington in each case.

7-5-49 - Final 1949-Crop Wheat Support Prices Announced (Support prices at all terminal markets were raised 2 cents a bushel. No change in the $1.95 national average announced June 30.)

7-6-49 - Ships for Grain Storage (The Department has obtained the use of 12 Maritime Commission ships holding approximately 3,200,000 bushels of grain for temporary storage.)

7-1-49 - Corn Loans and Purchase Agreements Through May (Season total through May 30 on 1948 crop is 390,478,653.)

7-5-49 - Grain Purchases for Fiscal Year 1948-49 (Total 429,321,029, of which 321,881,561 was wheat or wheat equivalent in flour.)

7-6-49 - Meat Production Up 6 Percent (Regular weekly meat production report.)

7-5-49 - Import Controls Continued on Fats and Oils, Rice (Controls under War Food Order 63 which expired June 30 are being continued as "Agriculture-Import Order".)

POULTRY BRANCH

Price support purchases of dried whole eggs last week at 1,961,255 pounds were somewhat heavier than the recent average, with cancellations down to only 243,300 pounds. The week's transactions left net purchases to date at 52,305,469 pounds.

Several suggestions for minor revisions were presented to Branch representatives in Chicago last week at a meeting called by the Institute of American Poultry Industries for discussion of the proposed revision of standards, grades and regulations covering grading and inspection for wholesomeness of poultry and rabbit products. These suggestions will be considered by the Branch along with others which have been received from poultry industry representatives throughout the U.S.

Representatives of the Branch talked with engineers of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis., recently regarding tests to be conducted on various dried egg containers and packaging materials and for a simulated cold storage study on different types and styles of egg cases.

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps will cooperate with the Poultry Branch in making vibration studies on two different sizes of egg case fillers and flats and on different types and styles of egg cases. These laboratory tests will be followed up by actual transportation studies sometime in August or September--in which the QMC also will cooperate.

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

(*) Some CCC flaxseed and linseed oil has been sold from stocks acquired under 1948-crop price support. Remaining stocks total about 16 million bushels of flaxseed, and 300 million pounds of linseed oil. CCC is offering flaxseed at $5.25, f.o.b. cars at Minneapolis, and f.o.b. vessels at Duluth. Linseed oil is being offered at 23½ cents a pound in store at Minneapolis. CCC also requested bids this week on 200,000 bushels of 1949-crop flaxseed in Texas. This flaxseed was bought under direct purchase commitment in specified Texas counties. Soybean prices were higher this week.

GRAIN BRANCH

(*) Operational details are being worked out to implement PMA's part in the International Wheat Agreement. These involve determination of export payments on wheat and flour, and the application of these payments to individual export transactions. Meanwhile, there is nothing new to report on progress of the July-September grain export program.

Interest mounts in what the July crop report will show for wheat in connection with the determination to be made as to whether or not marketing quotas will be proclaimed for the 1950 crop. Deadline for announcing acreage allotments is July 15.

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COTTON BRANCH

Cotton exports from the United States totaled 449,000 bales during May. This compares with 591,000 bales in April, 577,000 in March, and with 205,000 in May a year ago. During the first 10 months, August through May, of this marketing season, exports amounted to 3,998,000 bales, against 1,686,000 in the same period a year ago. Recent private estimates placed exports in June at the May level--about 450,000 bales--bringing the total for the season through June 30 to about 4.5 million bales.

The cotton export program has been extended beyond the 1949 fiscal year which ended June 30. Payments under the program, at the rate of 10 cents per bale, remain in effect. Registered sales under this program for the current season through June totaled less than 20,000 bales.

DAIRY BRANCH

Milk production in the New England States is still in a condition of oversupply, in spite of the drought reported in certain areas of the region. Branch officials state, however, that adverse weather conditions may affect future supplies. The condition of pastures and the quality and amount of hay and silage for winter feeding will be weighty factors in future production costs. At the request of a New England milk cooperative, the Branch has authorized the Boston milk market administrator, Richard D. Aplin, to act as coordinator in making a survey of crop and milk supply conditions in New England.

The third meeting of the PMA Dairy Committee will be held in Madison, Wis., July 29 and 30. The committee, composed of PMA representatives from 13 major dairy states, will discuss problems of the dairy industry and government programs bearing on these problems. The committee also will visit dairy production plants and farms in the vicinity of Madison.

(*)CCC price support supplies of bulk nonfat dry milk solids amounting to 13 and three-fourths million pounds have been transferred to the Section 32 program for repackaging and distribution during the fiscal year to welfare agencies, public institutions and non-profit school lunch programs. Food Distribution Programs Branch will handle the distribution. A total of $1,850,000 of Section 32 funds from the last fiscal year, ending June 30, were used to reimburse CCC for the milk solids, while $800,000 from this year's funds were allocated for the expense of repackaging.

Dairy Products Purchases, July 1 through 7:

Butter: The Department purchases 302,874 pounds of U.S. Grade A butter during this period and 489,016 pounds of Grade B. This brings the total purchased under price support (corrected for delivery adjustments through July 1) to 5,351,491 pounds of Grade A and 3,420,966 pounds of Grade B. The total for both is 8,772,457 pounds.

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Spray nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 5,172,856 pounds during this period, bringing the total purchased under price support (corrected for adjustments through July 1) to 70,749,706 pounds.

Roller nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 3,852,944 pounds during this period. This brings the total purchased under price support (corrected through July 1) to 63,562,607 pounds. The total corrected figure for both spray and roller purchased under the support program is 134,312,313 pounds.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through July 5 totaled 1,610,449 hundredweight. Of this amount 246,720 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 693,699 to livestock feed; 101,240 to flour; 365,604 to airstrip drying; and 203,186 to demonstration use. The Branch notes that in these purchases the grades ran: U.S. No. 1's, 6.43 percent; U.S. Commercial, 7.33 percent; and U.S. No. 2's and B's, 86.24 percent. Last year Government purchases consistenly ran between 80 and 90 percent U.S. No. 1's.

Best estimates now are that South Carolina this year will move only about one-half the amount of peaches it moved of 1948's very light crop. The weather is responsible.

The marketing of 1948-49 Florida citrus is about completed, with only very light supplies remaining. Through June 25 processors had utilized 26,850,000 boxes of oranges and 16,200,000 boxes of grapefruit. During the corresponding period last year the score was: oranges, 29,450,000 boxes; grapefruit, 18,800,000 boxes. Drop in this utilization of the fruit is due largely to two factors: (1) the freeze in California and Texas which gave Florida opportunity to market fruit in fresh form, (2) a drop in processing of single strength orange juice.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

The plentiful foods list for August, announced last week, includes: fruits--apples, peaches, pears, fresh plums and prunes, cantaloups; vegetables--locally grown vegetables, cabbage, lettuce, onions, tomatoes; protein foods--eggs, chickens (broilers, fryers, hens), fresh and frozen fish, peanut butter, processed dairy products. Locally grown vegetables, apples, and tomatoes are to be given special emphasis.

Area FDPB officials are now working with State agencies to perfect plans of operation for the 1949-50 school lunch program. Washington Branch officials state that the amount of this year's school lunch appropriation to be used for purchase of Section 6 commodities is $17,250,000.

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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

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RELEASES OF THE WEEK

Last week's releases are listed below. Hereafter look for the listing of releases on the last page of Midwest Information Summary.

July 21 - Bids Requested on Bins and Comparable CCC Grain Storage (CCC plans to obtain additional storage facilities for 50 million bushels grain.)

July 20 - Grain Exports Set New High Record (686,074,000 bushels compared with 588,000,000 bushels last fiscal year.)

July 20 - USDA Food Deliveries Total 3,859 Million Pounds in April (Slightly lower than the 4,514 million pounds purchased by USDA in March.)

July 20 - Changes Proposed in Federal Meat Grade Provisions on Inspection Requirements (USDA proposes to require minimum inspection for federally graded meats not produced under regular Federal inspection.)

July 19 - Meat Production Up 21 Percent .

July 19 - Correction: Cold Storage Report (Correction of tabulating errors increased July 1 cold storage figures for frozen eggs, frozen poultry, frozen pork, pork in cure, edible offal, total meats, and lard.)

July 18 - CCC Grain Purchases (Totaled 3,318,302 bushels for the week ended July 15. Almost entire wheat and nearly all purchased through Chicago.

GRAIN BRANCH

(*) Branch activities last week centered upon preparations for (1) the wheat and flour export payment program scheduled to begin August 1 under the International Wheat Agreement; and (2) the acquisition of storage capacity for the large quantity of grain acquired by CCC this summer and fall under price support programs.

(*) The problem of storage, particularly for corn, will be tough this fall, in view of a prospective October 1 corn carryover of more than 800 million bushels, plus a 1949 crop that already has been officially placed in the 3.5 billion bushel bracket.

(*) Branch technicians say that the aggregate 1949-50 supply of all grains, based on current estimates and unusually heavy carryover stocks, apparently will add up to the greatest grain supply in our history. Total U.S.1949-50 supply of food and feed grains (July-June basis) is estimated at nearly 8.5 billion bushels--about 8 percent more than in 1948-49, and 37 percent more than the 1937-41 prewar average.

Officials working on dry beans and peas report need for periodic stock figures on these commodities. Only crop reports are now available. These officials say they need information on both farm and commercial stocks, as well as on commercial movement and prices.

POULTRY BRANCH

Purchases of 1,508,236 pounds of dried whole eggs for price support purposes last week and cancellations amounting to 269,422 pounds, leave a net total of 55,137,964 pounds acquired under the purchase program since the first of the year.

U.S. specifications and weight classes for wholesale grades for shell eggs have been published in the Federal Register and will become effective August 8, 1949. The specifications will supersede the tentative specifications which have been in effect since February 1,1948.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Winter vegetable production guides for 1950 are now being prepared.

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through July 19 totaled 2,044,133 hundredweight. Of this amount 275,371 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 956,827 to livestock feed; 101,240 to flour; 403,609 to airstrip drying; 304,386 to demonstration use; and disposition of 2,700 hundredweight is as yet unreported.

The pea and bean crop in Maine this year promises tobe the best in several years, both from a standpoint of quality and of quantity.

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COTTON BRANCH

Domestic cotton mill consumption totaled 600,000 bales in June, compared with 580,000 bales in May, and 800,000 in June last year. Consumption per working day in June was the smallest June daily rate since 1939.

Consumption of all kinds of cotton during the first 11 months of this season totaled 7,343,000 bales, compared with 8,727,000 bales in the comparable period of 1947-48. Total for 12 months this year will probably be a little more than 7,800,000 bales, compared with 8,354,000 bales in 1947-48, and 10,025,000 in 1946-47.

Mill stocks amounted to only 1,059,000 bales at the end of June, the smallest for that date since 1939. This situation reflects the policy of mills to carry only sufficient cotton to meet nearby requirements. At the same time, cotton in public storage on June 30 totaled 4,407,000 bales, compared with 1,676,000 bales on that date last year.

Nearly 3.9 million bales, or 88 percent of the end-of-June public storage stocks, were CCC loan cotton.

DAIRY BRANCH

(*) Prospects of further British cheese purchases during the remainder of the year through the use of ECA funds are uncertain, following statements by British leaders that procurement of all commodities in dollar areas will be suspended until a comprehensive review of Britain's financial position is conducted.

(*) It is estimated that about three-fourths of the $20,800,000 of ECA funds approved for United Kingdom purchases of this commodity from the U.S. during the period July 1 through December 31, 1949, has not been spent. It is possible that the British may decide to divert these remaining dollars to other uses approved by ECA. However, no decision of this kind has been reached.

(*) Cheese purchases by the British so far this year total about 80.4 million pounds, compared with about 65 million pounds during all of 1948. Purchases during the first 6 months of this year amounted to about 66.6 million pounds, while an additional 13.8 million pounds were purchased from ECA funds allocated for use during the third and fourth quarter.

Butter purchases during last week (Monday through Friday) have dropped off to one car of Grade B butter per day. That was the first week since price support purchases of butter were started in mid-March that no Grade A butter was purchased.

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Purchases of Dairy Products, July 15 through 21:

Butter: The Department purchased 50,560 pounds of Grade A butter during this period (the entire purchase was made on Friday, July 15) and 187,738 pounds of Grade B. This brings the total purchased under price support (corrected for delivery adjustments through July 15) to 5,556,484 pounds of Grade A and 4,233,855 pounds of Grade B. Total for both is 9,790,339 pounds.

Spray nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 5,118,398 pounds during this period, bringing the total purchased under price support (corrected through July 15) to 81,654,464 pounds.

Roller nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 5,322,392 pounds during this period, bringing the total purchased under price support (corrected) to 73,942,334 pounds. The corrected total for both spray and roller is 155,596,798 pounds.

SHIPPING AND STORAGE BRANCH

Martin J. Hudtloff has been named director of the Shipping and Storage Branch effective yesterday. He succeeds H. O. Warlick, who will remain with the Branch. Mr. Hudtloff has been with the Department since 1946 and served as controller of CCC since April,1947.H.F.Shamberger will be in charge of the CCC Controller's office.

(*) Export programs are progressing satisfactorily. All Mexican canned meat requisitioned by the Army has been cleared from Westwego, La., and the last ship at Corpus Christi, Texas, was due to load last week. PMA will have on hand approximately 35 million pounds of all types of Mexican meat after all Army and British ships have cleared.

(*) Two vessels from the laid-up U.S. Maritime fleet have been loaded at New York with a total of about 14,000 long tons of CCC wheat. Two other vessels began loading on July 20 and grain is presently available for an additional three such ships, all for New York loading.

(*) Whole grain liftings as of July 14 amounted to 517,955 long tons. This figure represents about 47 percent of July grain exports program and is broken down as follows: Wheat 328,524 long tons, barley 52,710, grain sorghums 85,838, oats, 2,500, and corn 48,383. These quantities were delivered as 56 cargoes.

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

(*) Not much flaxseed and linseed oil owned by CCC has been sold under its recent price offer of $5.25 a bushel for flaxseed and 23-1/2 cents a pound for oil. Driblets of new crop flaxseed are appearing on the markets; new crop will be moving in good volume by mid-August.

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FATS AND OILS BRANCH (continued)

Fats and oils prices improved last week. Soybeans moved up to $2.66 a bushel from $2.57 a w eek ago; crude soybean oil was up to 9-5/8 cents a pound from 9-1/4 cents. Lard was selling for 11-1/4 cents on July 21, compared with 10-3/4 cents on July 18. Crude cotton oil was 11-1/8 cents on July 21, against 9-1/2 cents on July 19. Inediblo tallow remained at about 6 cents.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

A docket providing for the purchase of canned fruit was approved by the CCC Board on July 20. The fruit--apricots, peaches, pears and purple plums--will be distributed to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

At the request of the Vegetable Growers' Association of America, the Branch is lending assistance toward increasing the consumption of vegetables during National Vegetable Week, August 7-13. National food organizations and local food merchants who cooperate in the plentiful foods program are being requested by the Branch to give special attention to the merchandising and advertising of vegetables during the designated week. The Advertising Council is also being asked to encourage radio and other advertising media to do likewise.

MARKETING FACILITIES BRANCH

The Railway Express Agency has published a tariff which increases by 25 percent the switching charges on carload express traffic at all stations in the United States. A petition for suspension of this tariff will be filed with the ICC by the Branch.

(*) The branch survey of wheat storage and transportation conditions in the high plains wheat belt for the week ended July 14 shows that the crop is practically all harvested in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, about half completed in southeastern Colorado, and is beginning in southwestern Nebraska. Practically no car shortages were indicated and storage generally was adequate.

During the week ended July 9, U.S. loadings of grain and grain products totaled 70,192 cars compared w ith 69,958 cars the previous week and 7,435 a year ago.

The supply of refrigerator cars is reported as fully adequate in all producing areas. Potatoes are moving at a rate of approximately 125 cars per day from southern California. Shipments of potatoes are now moving from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and will continue to increase. Peach loadings in Georgia and South Carolina are now relatively small but will increase.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrator Ralph S. Trigg has announced the establishment of an Assistant Administrator for Management, within the Office of the Administrator. The Assistant Administrator for Management will have responsibility for directing and coordinating Administrative Management work of PMA, in Washington and the field. He will have direct supervision of the Audit Branch, the Compliance and Investigation Branch, and the functions of the former Budget and Management Branch, which has been abolished.

Robert W. Herder, former Director of the Budget and Management Branch, has been appointed Assistant Administrator for Management, and Gerald E. Tichenor, who has been serving as Assistant Director of the Budget and Management Branch, has been designated Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Management.

A list of all USDA offices in Chicago was compiled recently by the Chicago USDA Club and can be made available to you. It includes the branch, officer in charge, address, and telephone number for the 31 PMA offices here and 15 other USDA offices. Let us know if you would like a copy.

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Eat more peaches and corn! Peaches and sweet corn are in especially plentiful supply in nearly all the markets of the midwest this week. The Department is urging consumers to make full use of these two foods. Prices are reasonable and quality is good. Now is the time to can and freeze for next winter.

POULTRY BRANCH

Poultry Branch officials are enthusiastic about the television movie short "Know the Eggs You Buy" which they viewed, in finished form, for the first time last week. As a result, plans for distribution are being discussed and definite word should be available to Area Information offices soon.

The movie, running about 4½ minutes, tells a simple story of what the grading of eggs means to the consumer. It represents an experiment on the part of the USDA's Office of Information in the making of low-cost movies, primarily forbetween-shows use by television stations.

Success of this first attempt at using movies to tell a commodity story by television has created enough interest so that Poultry Branch officials, and Information Branch officials, are considering additional films of the same general type.

Offer dates under the 1949 Turkey Price Support Program have been set for each Wednesday beginning August 10 and through December 31. For the July period of purchase in 1950, acceptances will also be made each Wednesday of that month.

Dried egg purchases last week at 993,888 pounds were somewhat heavier than the previous week's purchases and the net acquirement was considerably heavier because of smaller cancellations. Delivery cancellations amounted to only 216,475 pounds, leaving net purchases for the year so far at 56,773,773 pounds.

DAIRY BRANCH

Milestones were reached on Thursday of last week for all three purchase programs (butter, nonfat dry milk solids, and cheese) which are now operating to support farm prices of manufacturing milk. The first purchase of cheese under the program announced July 27 were made Thursday, amounting to 78,719½ pounds. Butter purchases on the same day boosted the total government holdings of the commodity to more than 30 million pounds, while purchases of nonfat dry milk solids for the day (180,250 pounds) were the lowest since price support purchases of this item began early in April.

DAIRY PRODUCTS PURCHASES, AUGUST 5 THROUGH 11:

Butter: The Department purchased 8,040,531 pounds of Grade A butter during this period and 4,262,009 pounds of Grade B. This brings the total purchased under price support (corrected for delivery adjustments through August 5) to 18,704,984 pounds of Grade A and 11,690,216 pounds of Grade B. Total for both is 30,395,200 pounds.

Spray nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 1,914,156 pounds during thisperiod, bringing the total purchased under price support to 89,213,984 pounds (corrected through August 5).

Roller nonfat dry milk solids: The Department purchased 2,089,485 pounds during this period, bringing the total price support supplies to 82,551,336 pounds. The corrected total for spray and roller is 171,765,320 pounds.

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

Some contracts for use under the peanut price support program which were sent out recently have been executed and are being returned to the Fats and Oils Branch by dealers and designated agencies who will buy for the Government.

Branch authorities report the peanut movement fairly well underway in the Southwest area, with the volume picking up. Heavy movement in the Southeast area is expected in about 30 days and in the Virginia-North Carolina area in about 60 days.

Four-hundred metric tons of fancy tallow were purchased by the Fats and Oils Branch last week.

Details of the 1950 flaxseed price support program are being worked out by the Branch, with no indication at present as to the actual level of support which will be decided upon.

GRAIN BRANCH

State PMA representatives from the Corn Belt spent several days in Washington last week in conference with CCC representatives on grain storage and with the Grain Branch staff on problems relating to wheat and corn.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through August 9 totaled 2,753,259 hundredweight. Of this amount 355,460 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 1,458,171 to livestock feed; 102,680 to flour; 11,495 to starch; 422,058 to airstrip drying; 399,015 to demonstration use; and disposition of 4,380 hundredweight is as yet unreported.

The North Central Potato Committee, which administers the marketing order and agreement on potatoes covering Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota, has suggested and fostered a meeting at Chicago September 19 of representatives from all potato marketing order and agreement committees

Purchase of 1949 pack canned tomatoes for use in the School Lunch Program will approximate 650,000 cases. A public announcement on this purchase program was made last Friday.

The Branch has purchased for School Lunch use 50 cars of Gravenstein apples at $1.90 per standard box and 149 cars of Bartlett pears at $2.15 per standard box, all f.o.b. grower shipping point. Purchase has been authorized for the next week of 50 additional cars of Gravenstein apples and 150 cars of Bartlett pears at the same prices.

COTTON BRANCH

Reported cotton sales in the 10 spot markets totaled 69,900 bales last week compared with 82,500 the previous week and 79,400 a year ago. Spot cotton prices were regular and slightly lower with futures prices a shade stronger. Prices for Middling 15/16" cotton in the 10 spot markets averaged 31.29 cents per pound on Thursday, August 11. This is about 174 points above the 1949 loan rate for such cotton in the 10 markets and compares with the average spot price of 31.44 cents on Thursday of last week and 31.52 cents a year ago.

1949 cotton crop was forecast at 14,805,000 bales of 500 pound gross, based on conditions as of August 1, as compared with 14,868,000 bales produced last year. This lower production is in spite of an acreage increase of 14 percent. Factors causing the decline in production are the weather and severe boll-weevil damage in Eastern and Central States to an extent more than offsetting very favorable conditions in Texas and the far west.

RELEASES OF THE WEEK:

August 9 - USDA Proposes to Divide Commercial Beef Grade.

August 9 - Inspected Meat Production Unchanged in Week.

August 9 - Grain Purchases - July 29-August 5, 1949.

August 9 - Hearing Called on Proposed Changes in Seed Act Regulations.

August 9 - First Round of Caccination for Foot-and-Mouth Disease Completed in Mexico.

August 9 - Details of Cottonseed Loan Program Announced.

August 11- "Fair Price" Condition for Sugar Beets Announced.

August 12- Certification Required for Entry of Cuban Sugar.